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Facing Challenges... Finding Solutions...

CM holds virtual interaction

Basavanna from Nanjangud was the lucky beneficiary from Mysuru District to connect with B.S. Yediyurappa

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's address on the achievements of his Government, which completed one year, being telecast live at Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) this morning. Picture right shows Mysuru ZP President Parimala Shyam, MLAs B. Harshavardhan and S.A. Ramdas, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, MLC A.H. Vishwanath and MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde displaying the four books which were released by the CM in Bengaluru.

Bengaluru / Mysuru, July 27 (KMS,PM&DM)- On the first anniversary of the BJP Government in the State, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has promised the people that he would work tirelessly for the overall development and welfare of the State.

Yediyurappa was interacting with the people at a virtual programme organised by the Department of Information and Public Relations at the Banquet Hall in Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, which was streamed live at all District Headquarters. In Mysuru, the virtual programme was live streamed at the ZP Hall.

Marking the anniversary, Yediyurappa released four books — A booklet titled *Savaalugala Ondu Varsha - Pariharada Sparsha* (A year of Challenges and a Touch of Solution), a book titled *Putakkitta Chinna* and *Janapada*, all in Kannada and *March of Karnataka*, in English.

Speaking on the occasion, Yediyurappa said that his Government is totally committed to development, but unfortunately, COVID-19 crisis came as a spoke in the wheels, cutting the pace of progress which could have been an easy task.

(See CM on page 7)

MUDA Office sealed

as engineer tests COVID positive

Over 700 employees wait outside Office refusing to get inside for fear of contracting virus

Mysuru, July 27 (RK&BCT)- Work at the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Office came to a grinding halt this morning as one of MUDA's Assistant Engineers tested positive for COVID-19. The Officer has been placed under home quarantine.

Over 700 employees including the regular ones and employees on contract stood before the MUDA Office this morning after they learnt that the Assistant Engineer tested positive. They refused to go inside their respective sections for the fear of contracting the virus.

(See MUDA OFFICE on page 6)

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	230
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	2,867
Total ACTIVE cases	:	1,932
Persons discharged	:	823
Deaths	:	112

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 27th July 2020

One-week FDP from Aug.3

Mysuru, July 27- The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), in association with ISHRAE, Mysore Chapter, will be conducting one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Heating, Ventilation, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration (HVAC&R)" from Aug. 3 to 8.

This programme will be beneficial for faculty members, research scholars, HVAC&R practitioners and industry professionals who work in the discipline of Mechanical Engineering and also provide a unique opportunity to comprehend about HVAC&R.

In this FDP, six resource persons will deliver the sessions (one session per day) and there will be no registration fee. On Aug. 3, there will be a keynote address by Richie Mittal, National President, ISHRAE Headquarters, Delhi at 10.15 am. The resource persons for this FDP are Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, A. Ramesh, former Deputy Director, CFTRI, A. Srinivas, BARC (RMP), Mysuru, Roddam Anish Simha, ASHRAE President, Bengaluru, A. Madhukar, CEO, Climatics and Regional Director (South) and Dr. Kasthurirengan, Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. The topics that will be covered in this FDP are Introduction to Refrigeration & Refrigerants, Refrigeration Cycles and Classification of Refrigeration Systems, Cascade Chillers for Low Temperature Applications, Ammonia Refrigeration, Installation, Service and Maintenance of HVAC&R Systems & Cryogenic Refrigeration.

FDP Coordinator is Dr. K.B. Vinay, Deputy Dean, Academics (Autonomous) & Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VVCE. The Organizing Committee members are: Dr. B.C. Ashok (Dean - Students Welfare for Autonomous), Dr. K.S. Ravi (PG Coordinator), Dr. Khalid Imran, Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna (Secretary - ISHRAE Mysore Chapter), Prof. Naveen Ankegowda, Prof. B.S. Nithyananda, T.A. Prabhakar (BARC, Mysuru), Anil Kumar Nadiger (Managing Director, Rachana Ener Care) and D.K. Dinesh Kumar (Project Engineer, KREDL, Mysuru).

On this occasion, Dr. G.V. Naveen Prakash, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VVCE, H.M. Sujatha, President, ISHRAE Mysore Chapter and P.V. Bharadwaj, Programme Coordinator, ISHRAE Mysore Chapter will be present. All sessions will be streamed live through streamyard on YouTube, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Though doctors are condemned for bad handwriting, seldom do we get to read or hear about the Judges' equally shabby handwriting. They too are accused of bad handwriting. So much so that even lawyers can't decipher the handwritten verdicts of most of the Judges. Famous Urdu Poet and Judge, Justice Anand Narayan Mulla, whose own handwriting was execrable, justified this phenomenon, "Doctors and Judges have to be unemotional and matter-of-fact and a practical individual has no time for *khuskhatnaweesi (calligraphic handwriting)."* ***Finally, always remember the famous words of Dr. Anton Chekhov, the Russian great who also happened to be a doctor, "The competence of a medico is measured by the degree of his (bad) handwriting." Quite true. By the way, Dr. Arthur Conan Doyle had such bad penmanship that even his wife, let alone patients, could not understand what he wrote. His compounder typed the manuscripts as the creator of Sherlock Holmes didn't know how to type.*** *— In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman allegedly gives birth after an hour-long pregnancy

Mandalasari: Though human pregnancies normally last around nine months, an Indonesian woman claims that she gave birth just one hour after experiencing pregnancy symptoms and the news has been making news headlines in her country.

Heni Nuraeni, a 30-year-old woman from Mandalasari, a village in Indonesia's Tasikmalaya Regency has become the main topic of conversation in her country, after it was revealed that she gave birth to a baby boy after allegedly experiencing pregnancy symptoms for about an hour. Heni claims that on July 18th night, her belly started growing and she started experiencing painful cramps which she immediately associated with child birth, having previously given birth to two children. The problem was that not only had she been oblivious to the pregnancy and also claimed the she and her husband Erik hadn't been intimate for 19 months.

Mom covers her entire body in fairytale tattoos

Manchester: Jodie Dunlop, from Manchester, always wanted more tattoos but was worried people would judge her. But when her dad passed away, she decided life was too short and started planning her inkings.

When Jodie Dunlop's dad passed away, she decided to pay tribute to him by getting a Jungle Book tattoo on her arm in memory of all the times they watched the film together.

The 32-year-old cake designer already had a few smaller, subtle tattoos, but she was over the moon with her big new design. In fact, she was so impressed by the work, she booked in another appointment for another inking that very same day.

Jodie has now covered her body with illustrations of her favourite Disney characters which have cost thousands of pounds.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the most common blood type?

Type O is the most common blood type. Type A is the second most common blood type, followed by Type B. Type AB is a rare blood type. Only 4 percent of Caucasians and African-Americans have Type AB blood.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

SC Judges panel decides against physical courts for two more weeks

New Delhi, July 27- A Committee of seven Judges has decided against the resumption of physical courts hearing in the Supreme Court (SC) for a period of at least two weeks, in view of current COVID-19 situation here.

"In view of unanimous medical opinion that while there is a marginal dip in the reported cases of COVID-19 in past couple of days, the status quo need to be maintained at least for a period of two weeks, the Committee of Judges decided to review the situation after two weeks," an official statement said.

The Committee, led by second senior-most Judge, Justice N.V. Ramana, also resolved that for the present, the court functioning will continue through video- conference in order to obviate the risk of spread of infection in the premises.

The Committee held a discussion through video-conferencing on July 21, with SC Bar Association President Dushyant Dave, SC Advocate on Record Association (SCAoRA) President Shivaji M. Jadhav and Bar Council of India (BCI) Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra wherein opinions from medical experts were considered with regard to present status of the pandemic.

As the Bar leaders apprised the Committee of difficulties faced by the lawyers, the Committee said it was fully "conscious and deeply concerned of their difficulties."

It was anxious to gradually restore normalcy in the physical functioning of the court, still the decision will have to be guided by a holistic assessment of situation on the basis of medical advise and also considering the safety and wellness of lawyers, litigants, registry staff and lastly of Judges also, it added.

The Committee also asked the representatives of Bar to meet the Secretary General and the concerned Registrar for remedial measures with regard to difficulties faced by the lawyers relating to e-filing and video-conferencing.

Since March, the Top Court has restricted the number of courts which have been conducting hearing of cases through video-conferencing only.

Really...?

- ***If you peel your fruits and vegetables before you eat them, you may be making a nutritional mistake. On many fruits and veggies such as carrots, apples and cucumbers, a good percentage of the nutrition is actually stored in the skin. That means when you peel them, you're actually peeling away nutritious benefit. The skins also contain a lot of fibre and we've already talked about all the great things that fibre can do.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy to a girl: *Why don't you have a boyfriend?*
Girl: *I am not allowed to have a boyfriend...but why don't you have a girlfriend?*
Boy: *Because you are not allowed to have boyfriend yet! so simply waiting for you!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.70
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.83
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.34
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.39

VOICE OF THE READER

Coronavirus pandemic causing general concern

Sir,

The Coronavirus cases are shooting up as people are roaming around, ignoring the lockdown regulations across the State. In this process they are spreading the virus from one to another, which is increasing by thousands every day.

The whole world is reeling under economic crisis, every country is spending billions on fighting COVID-19. India is no exception.

The pandemic is killing lakhs of people all over the world, people are concerned about their survival and are uncertain about what will be in store in the coming days.

COVID-19 is not only killing people but also the economies of the countries. Unless and until Coronavirus is brought under control with a suitable drug, countries of the world will have a bleak future. The worst sufferers are the student community whose academic and other activities are totally curtailed making them prisoners of the situation.

—M.S. Avinash
Lalitha Mahal Road
25.7.2020

[Turn to Page-6 for an article titled** "COVID and India's economic response" **by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam]

Take pledge to free India from COVID-19 this Independence Day: Modi

New Delhi, July 27 (UNI)- Coronavirus is still as dangerous as it was in the beginning, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yesterday, as he urged citizens to take a pledge of freedom from the pandemic on Aug. 15, when the country celebrates 74th Independence Day.

"This year, Aug. 15 celebrations too will be in very different circumstances — in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. I urge the youth, the people of my country to take a pledge of freedom from the pandemic this Independence Day. Take a resolve for a self-reliant India, a resolve to learn and teach something new and a resolve to earnestly carry out our duties," PM Modi said while addressing the nation through his monthly radio programme, *Mann Ki Baat*.

Though the country is among the worst-hit, it has managed to have a successful recovery rate against the COVID-19 pandemic, PM Modi said, highlighting India's track record in dealing with the pandemic.

"Today, COVID-19 recovery rate in our country is better than others. We were able to save the lives of lakhs of people, but threat of Coronavirus is not over yet. We need to remain vigilant," said PM Modi at the 66th edition of his monthly radio programme.

He also had an advice for those who feel "tired" of wearing a mask. "Sometimes we have problems with masks. Some people remove masks while speaking. Whenever you feel like removing masks, just think about doctors and other COVID warriors who are fighting Corona battle wearing these masks for hours," he said.

Kargil Vijay Diwas

Calling the day of Kargil Vijay Diwas as a very special one, PM Modi said, "On this day, we defeated Pakistan, we will never be able to forget this day. The war happened at a time and in a situation that nobody can forget. India wanted good relations with Pakistan but that did not happen."

A part of former PM Atal Behari Vajpayee's Independence Day speech was played, on the *Mann Ki Baat*, in which Modi said that the Kargil war has given us another mantra.

"Mahatma Gandhi had given us a mantra that if anyone has ever any dilemma about what to do and what not to do then he should think of the poorest and helpless person in India. He should think whether his actions will benefit that person or not," Vajpayee had said in 1999 Independence Day speech, days after the Kargil war victory.

"Today on behalf of all countrymen, I salute those brave hearts and their mothers. I urge the youth to share throughout the day, stories of valour of our soldiers and the sacrifices of their mothers during 'Kargil Vijay'," said the Prime Minister.

[Turn to Page-8 for an article titled** "Kargil Vijay Diwas: Remembering the heroes of Operation Vijay" **by MP Pratap Simha]

COVID cases cross 200 mark for the second time in Mysuru on July 26

Mandya reports 64 new cases and one death, Kodagu sees 20 fresh positives and Chamarajanagar reports 28 new COVID cases

Mysuru, July 27 (KS)- COVID positive cases crossed the 200 mark for the second time with the district reporting 230 new cases yesterday. The district had reported 281 new COVID positive cases on July 24.

According to the media bulletin received last evening, the total COVID positive cases in Mysuru district is 2,867 and a total of 823 patients have been discharged so far including 15 patients yesterday bringing the total active cases in the district to 1,932. Five COVID related deaths were reported yesterday and the total deaths stand at 112.

The following are the COVID statistics of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, according to the State media bulletin yesterday evening.

Mandya

The district reported 64 fresh COVID positive cases yesterday bringing the total number of positive cases to 1,191.

A total of 808 patients have been discharged so far including 25 patients yesterday. There are a total of 373 active cases in the district and with one COVID related death reported yesterday, the total deaths in the district are 10.

Kodagu

A total of 20 fresh COVID cases is reported in the district yesterday and the total positive cases are 342.

As many as 246 patients have been discharged so far including 10 patients yesterday and the active cases in the district are 91. A total of five COVID related deaths have been reported in the district so far.

Chamarajanagar

Twenty-eight new COVID positive cases were reported yesterday bringing the total number of positive cases in the district to 505.

A total of 270 patients have been discharged so far including 20 patients yesterday. With no COVID related deaths being reported yesterday, the total deaths in the district stand at six and there are 229 active cases as of now.

COVID-19 warriors to be invited for muted I-Day celebration: DC

School children not a part of festivities due to Coronavirus pandemic

Mysuru, July 27 (RK&BCT)- For the first time in 74 years, Independence Day (I-Day) celebrations across the nation will be a low-key affair with fewer guests invited and school children not a part of the festivities due to Coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, doctors, hospital workers, sanitation workers as well as some cured COVID patients will be invited to the ceremony as recognition of their services in the fight against the disease. In a detailed advisory issued to all the States and Union Territories, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has asked all States to use technology in the best possible manner for the celebrations and avoid large gatherings.

In Mysuru too, following the guidelines issued by the Centre, it will be a low-key affair. There will be the ceremonial flag hoisting but with limited guests and strict social distancing norms, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar told *Star of Mysore.*

As directed by the Centre, entry of school children will be banned and there will be a march-past by various units of Police including Karnataka State Reserve Police, District Armed Reserve and City Armed Reserve. "As a gesture, COVID warriors like doctors, health workers and sanitation workers will be invited to the ceremony and they will be felicitated for their service," the DC added.

As per the directions, the Home Ministry has said that it is imperative to follow measures like maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, proper sanitisation, protecting vulnerable persons, among others.

"All programmes should be organised ensuring that large congregation of people is avoided and technology used in the best possible manner. The events organised could be webcast in order to reach out to a large number of people who are not able to participate," states the Advisory, adding that special invitations will be sent to doctors, health workers and people who have recovered from Coronavirus.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CM to release 'Shivapada Ratnakosha'

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will virtually release the book 'Shivapada Ratnakosha,' published by JSS Granthamala of JSS Mahavidyapeetha at a function organised at Suttur Mutt premises in city tomorrow. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji of Jnana Yogashrama in Vijayapura and Siddalinga Mahaswamiji of Siddaganga Mutt will grace the occasion. Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjola will preside. Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi will receive the first copy of the book and District In-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar will felicitate the authors of the book, according to the press release.

Free counselling services by FPAI

Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), one of the leading organisation in the country engaged in social welfare activities and the Mysuru branch of FPA India, with its Office at No. 4607, L-18, 3rd Cross, St. Mary's Road, N.R. Mohalla, has been pr oviding free training and counselling services to persons related to their sexual health and concerns, family planning and other related issues. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, Family Planning Association of India has been unable to conduct face-to-face counselling and training sessions. Hence persons with any concerns related to above issues are requested to contact the FPAI Office on Mob: 98459-19988, WhatsApp 81970-24989 or email: mysuru@fpaindia.org, according to a press release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Yesterday	107.10 ft
Inflow	2,798 cusecs
Outflow	6,041 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.90 ft
Inflow	2,476 cusecs
Outflow	2,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.96 ft
Inflow	1,171 cusecs
Outflow	50 cusecs

Pandemic turns orange sour for growers in Kodagu

Fall in prices, lack of transportation facilities to other States hit growers hard

Madikeri, July 27 (UNI)- Kodagu Orange is known for its unique aroma and taste and is in great demand not only in Karnataka but also outside the State. Normally, oranges are ready for harvest twice a year — once in the rainy season and another during the winter.

Compared to oranges harvested during the rainy season, the ones harvested during the winter are in great demand as they taste better. Normally, oranges are grown as an alternative crop in the coffee plantations in the district as it brings an additional income to the growers during the rainy season.

Kodagu orange, which is a brand in itself, has seen a low in terms of production over the years. Even though orange was grown as an alternative crop in coffee plantations of Kodagu, there was a great demand for Kodagu orange, known for its unique taste.

Adding to the problems, the COVID-19 lockdown has left a drastic impact on orange cultivation. There has been a plunge in the demand for the fruit and the vendors too are not opting to sell the local fruit.

In order to give a boost to orange cultivation, the Department of Horticulture has been distributing saplings of oranges to the growers. Orange saplings are grown in the horticultural nursery

in Bethu village. Many people have been showing interest in purchasing orange saplings, said the officials, an official of Horticulture Department told UNI.

Over a period of time, the district was left with very few orange cultivators, after a disease hit the crop, which had spread from neighbouring Kerala, in 1999. Until then, oranges were grown in around one lakh hectares in the district and around 1,000 containers of oranges were sold per year. But, due to the disease, the harvest has come down drastically in the last two years.

According to some agriculturists, a dip in the market rate of orange has discouraged growers. Also, the root rot disease and attack of fungi have been negatively affecting the crop along with excessive use of fertilisers and insecticides.

Even though the citrus greening disease affecting the oranges has been controlled, the orange trees which lack care are affected by yellow leaf disease and eventually wither away.

This time, the orange cultivators had to face another blow due to COVID-19 pandemic. Growers are not able to transport the fruits owing to restrictions on the inter-State borders. Locally, the demand for orange has come down forcing the growers to sell them at low prices, which would eventually lead to losses.

Owing to fall in price, many growers have chosen not to harvest the crop from their plantation.

The harvesting of oranges in Kodagu is done by contractors, who enter into an agreement with the growers. Earlier, apart from Kodagu, oranges were in great demand in the neighbouring States like Kerala.

Also, the Kodagu oranges were in demand from the tourists who visited the district in the past.

Orange was cultivated on 8,000 to 10,000 hectares in Kodagu 25 years ago. Now it has come down to several hundred hectares.

The growers fetched Rs. 30 per kg for oranges which were sold for Rs. 50 to Rs. 90 per kg in the market. But as both inter-State transportation and tourism have been hit, the contractors too, did not show any interest to purchase the oranges from the growers, officials added.

KPCC engages 300 doctors for COVID care

Mysuru, July 27 (MTY&DM)- Former Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan said that the KPCC has engaged over 300 doctors for providing health care for COVID-19 positive patients across the State.

Announcing this at Congress Bhavan here yesterday, where he released a poster on 'Arogya Hasta' programme, Dhruvanarayan alleged that the State Government has miserably failed in handling the COVID-19 crisis. Pointing out that the Congress would train party workers to assist the doctors in COVID-19 care, he alleged that the State Government had indulged in rampant corruption in the purchase of medical equipment.

Stating that the trained party workers will visit households for a medical check up of residents, with all necessary precautionary

and safety measures in place, the former MP said that the test reports will be submitted to the respective Taluk Health officers.

Appealing the party workers to make 'Arogya Hasta' programme a huge success, Dhruvanarayan came down heavily on the State Government for its failure to lend a helping hand for the distressed farmers, workers of the unorganised sector, ASHA workers and such others in this hour of crisis.

In this backdrop, the Congress has come forward to help the people of the State through this programme, he added.

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath said that party building has become a challenge in the post COVID-19 scenario. Noting that Hunsur too is turning out be a COVID-19 hotspot of late, he hit out at the BJP for spreading lies on the measures taken to combat the deadly pandemic. The Congress party workers should educate the public on the Government's failures and must speak up for the farming community and the working class.

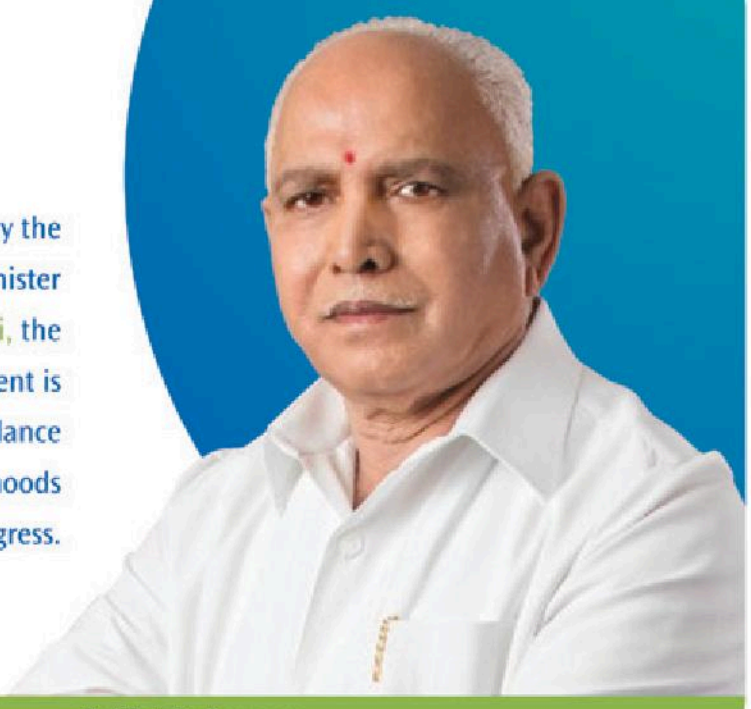
Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah and MLC R. Dharmasena too spoke.

H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu, former MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, leaders Sunil Bose, Latha Siddashetty, Hedathale Manjunath, Prakash Kumar and others were present.

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

A Great Relief for a Challenging Year

As envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Karnataka Government is striving to strike a balance between lives and livelihoods in the quest of progress.



Shri B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Karnataka

A fulfilling year for the Government, led by Chief Minister Shri B.S. Yediyurappa.

The administration has continued to drive Karnataka's development in the face of challenges such as unprecedented floods and COVID-19, a Global Pandemic.

COVID-19: Special Package

Rs. 2,272 Crore provided as relief to workers of unorganized sector, flower, fruit & vegetable growers, weavers, taxis, auto drivers, hairdressers, laundrymen and leather craftsmen badly affected during the lockdown and to facilitate small and large enterprise sector.

State Government has initiated construction of Kempegowda statue near Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru.

Assistance to Farmers

- Under **Pradhan Mantri Kissan Samman Yojana** an additional amount of **Rs.4000** has been given to each farmer. As a result, more than **50 lakh farmers** have benefitted during times of flood as well as COVID-19.
- Amendment to APMC Act has helped farmers to get remunerative prices for Agricultural Produce in the open market under **'Nanna Bele, Nanna Hakku' (My Crop – My Right)**

Natural Disaster – Relief on Priority

- Due to a record rainfall in the last 118 years, **119 Taluks from 25 Districts** have been declared as flood affected.
- The State Government has sanctioned **Rs.6108 Crore** including **Rs.1869 Crore** relief that was given by Central Government towards flood relief, repairs of infrastructure facilities and other related works.

Development of Rural Areas

- Tap water facility will be provided to all households in rural areas under **Mane Manege Gange** scheme by 2023 to improve the standard of life of rural people.
- 'Functioning Household Tap Connection' (FHTC) facility is being provided to **23.57 Lakh** rural households at an estimated cost of **Rs.8984.52 Crore.**

Prevention of COVID-19

COVID-19: Distribution of Facilities

- Lockdown was enforced to contain the spread of COVID-19.
- Adequate food supply and ration was ensured for migrant workers during the lockdown.
- **High Flow Oxygen Facility** provided in all District and Taluk Hospitals, facilitating timely treatment of infected people in order to save lives.

Support for Entrepreneurs

- Fixed charge in Electricity Bills of small entrepreneurs waived off.
- Large-scale industries supported with postponement of payment of fixed charges in electricity bills without interest.

Loan Waiver for Fisherman

- **Rs.60 Crore** of loans waived off for **23,507 fishermen**, especially fisherwomen's loans upto **Rs.50,000/-** from commercial banks were waived off.

Loan Waiver for Weavers

- Loans worth **Rs.98 crore** from Co-operative banks have been waived off benefitting **29,631 weavers.** This facility is also extended to weavers who repaid the loan between January and March 31, 2019.
- Under **Nekara Samman Yojane,** financial assistance of **Rs. 2000/-** was provided to handloom weavers.

The Era of Kalyana Karnataka

- Priority is given to the development of **21 backward Taluks** of Kalyana Karnataka.
- A bench of Karnataka Administrative Tribunal at Kalaburagi has been established benefitting Government employees of this region.

Industrial Development

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister who participated in the **World Economic Forum** at Davos, Switzerland had discussions with more than 40 prestigious MNCs and was successful in persuading them to invest in Karnataka.
- Amendment to Land Reforms Act 1961 Section 109 & repeal of Section 79 A, B, C & 80 retrospectively will help Farmers and Industrialists.
- **Kalaburagi & Bidar Airports** have been inaugurated and work on Shivamogga Airport is in progress.
- Launch of **"Skill Connect"** a portal to bring together employers and job seekers on a common platform is a boon to the unemployed youth.

"To protect and respect our varied culture and traditions" -is the fundamental duty of every Citizen of our Country. Enshrined in the Constitution

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Leadership Lessons FOR DAILY LIVING

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

COVID-19 and India's Economic Response

Countries around the world are struggling with the economy slowing down drastically due to the COVID crisis. While lockdowns are being gradually lifted, one is still unsure when there will be light at the end of the economic tunnel. While there is no single solution framework that exists, countries including India will have to chart their own contextual response.

Even before the crisis hit, the global decline impacted India and it was facing a decline in foreign demand and a drop of commodity prices. India was slowly getting locked out from global financial markets, began suffering capital outflows and was experiencing a fall of remittances. In addition to the demand shortfall and financial stress, the COVID crisis also created a supply shock.

Social distancing measures drastically reduced labour supply and increased transaction costs. Unreliability of the domestic and international supply chains has resulted in shortages of key inputs and this can lead to potentially higher prices. Though the existing crisis may taper off, widespread bankruptcies, increased unemployment and under-employment and a depressed investment climate will make its effects persist for a long time.

Though India has responded with a stimulus package totalling nearly 10% of GDP, one needs to understand that going back to a pre-COVID-19 "normal" may not be an option. Before the crisis began, the narrative was around creating a five trillion-dollar economy which meant an economic system that prioritised short-term financial gains at the expense of the well-being of people and health of the planet. But the call of 'Aatma Nirbhar' by the Prime Minister seems to have opened up a new perspective that incorporates both the people and eco-system in which they operate.

India rightfully decided to make protecting life as the first priority and the containment strategy focused on this. The lockdown gave the health systems time to organise itself, prepare for the possible community spread of the infection and ensure that adequate medical supplies and strategies are put in place. Apart from the costs incurred on identifying positive patients, containing and quarantining them, tracking and tracing contacts, the State is spending enormous amounts of public resources on setting up COVID Hospitals and in the treatment of patients.

The initial unpreparedness of the Government in meeting urgent social challenges was evident from the manner in which the migrant crisis unfolded. Many households live a hand to mouth existence and did not have the resources to cope with the lockdowns and quarantines. Many depend on farming and self-employment, and informality is common even among wage earners. Most of them operate in an economic ecosystem that necessitates physical proximity and working from home is irrelevant in their context. Protecting their earnings and reaching them through direct bank transfers, is considerably more challenging than in formalised economies.

While the larger issue of food security is being managed through PDS, malnutrition among children is a concern, especially now that Schools and Anganwadis are shut. Existing social protection and social assistance programmes like MGNREGS are seeing an increased demand and need to be rapidly scaled up and coverage extended. Existing DBT programmes will have to be supplemented by mobile or digital payment channels now that most Indians have been brought under the JAM ambit.

While the Government is now responding to address these social concerns, it cannot lift its sights from the financial sector vulnerabilities. This is the time to ramp up supervision capacity and get a clear sense of the risks faced by banks, non-banking financial institutions and other micro-credit providers. Traditionally, these have been weak areas of regulation and India needs to ensure adequate safeguards before fully operationalising the stimulus package.

In financial crises, both market infrastructures and the set of contracts that underpin the conduct of business come under stress. This is especially so in the MSME sector that is already under considerable strain from the last few years. The Government needs to stay focused on protecting workers along with supporting jobs and firms. RBI and the Ministry of Finance has to be prepared to stabilise financial markets. Frameworks identifying the measures needed to mitigate volatility and to handle disorderly market functioning should be put in place. Clarity on how to preserve our forex reserves is also critical.

Now that it is becoming clear that we are in for the long haul, liquidity constraints becoming a solvency problem is real. There will be a real loss of economic value and these losses have to be absorbed by the Government. The stimulus package envisions stabilising the financial sector, continuity of basic services, employment guarantees, wage subsidies, working capital finance and debt service relief. Aatma Nirbhar has an explicit focus on streamlining land, labour and liquidity laws and envisages structural reforms and creating a facilitatory infrastructure. These decisions taken by the Government are in the right direction but what can stand in the way of implementing it is a 'low-capacity' public delivery system, red-tapism, crony capitalism, rent seeking behaviour of the executive and a high degree of informality. If the promised system change under Aatma Nirbhar addresses this, then one can surely see the resurgence of the Indian economy sooner than later.

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MUDA Office sealed

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Officials contacted MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Mahesh and apprised him of the situation and told him that the MUDA employees were scared of entering the Office as a couple of days back, an APMC Assistant Engineer died of the virus infection.

The Commissioner declared a day's holiday today even as the employees were demanding that a three-day holiday must be given to them and the office must be completely sanitised. MUDA sources told *Star of Mysore* that a meeting will be held with Health Department officials and MUDA Commissioner this evening and a decision will be taken whether to close the Office for three days or not.

As the MUDA Office was sealed down, there was no work in any of its sections today and people who had come for their work done, had to return home empty handed.

As per Centre's guidelines, there is no need to seal an entire building if a person living or working there tests positive for Coronavirus disease because disinfection of the affected floor and common areas is enough to stop the spread of infection, according to the Union Health Ministry.

The Health Ministry has issued a detailed advisory on do's and don'ts if a non-COVID hospital reports a COVID-19 positive case. The same rules apply for Office premises or any other building from where a positive case is reported. There is no need to shut the entire premises rather one can just do proper disinfection of the main area and other common areas.

Several Government Offices in Mysuru where there is a close contact between officers and the public including the Mysuru City Corporation Office had been sealed in the last two months as the COVID infection spread showed an increased trend.

Even several Police Stations including the Mandi Mohalla Police Station, General Branch at the City Police Commissioner's new Office in Nazarbad, Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) - Traffic, located at Shivarampet, V.V. Puram and Vijayanagar Police Stations were also sealed, affecting regular work.

District Administration sources told *Star of Mysore* that work in Government Offices barring some revenue-generating departments and those directly involved in the fight against the virus has virtually come to a standstill. With many employees diverted to COVID-related work, people are finding it impossible to get their problems resolved. Many officials who are not on COVID duty are staying at home due to the fear of contracting the virus.

ASHA workers' stir enters eighteenth day

Mysuru, July 27 (RKB&SD)- The indefinite State-wide stir launched by ASHA workers seeking fulfilment of their various demands reached eighteenth day today. Over 10 to 12 ASHA workers who had gathered in front of Taluk Health Office participated in the protest this morning and raised slogans urging Government to break its silence and meet their demands. The protesters displayed their passbooks and urged the Government to speak the truth.

Pointing out that even after eighteen days of protests and agitation, their demands have not met, All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) District Secretary Chandrashekar Meti said, "The administration is making false claims and misleading general public about remuneration received by ASHA workers. Government should break its silence and speak the truth immediately. Otherwise, we are

going to intensify our agitation. If our demands are not met, ASHA workers are going to lay siege to CM's residence as well as DCs Offices in all the 30 districts of the State on July 29."

Organisations lend support

Extending support to ongoing stir by ASHA workers, members of All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO), All India Democratic Youth Organisation (AIDYO) and All India Mahila Samskritika Sanghatane (AIMSS) held protests in front of Deputy Commissioner's Office this morning and raised slogans against the State Government for not fulfilling ASHA workers' demands.

Rush to be Corona Warriors

Mysuru, July 27 (MTY&BCT)- Continuing its efforts to ramp-up healthcare workforce in the fight against COVID-19, Mysuru District Administration has begun the process of recruiting nurses, ayahs and laboratory technicians. Interviews are being conducted at the Office of the District Health Officer in Nazarbad.

Hundreds of candidates, mainly women, are assembling in front of the DHO Office since yesterday and once the applications are received, their documents are verified and they are being sent for interviews. Separate counters have been set up to check documents and verify the same. Appointment orders on contract basis will be given to selected candidates.

DHO Office sources told *Star of Mysore* that the selected candidates have been instructed to report to work immediately after receiving the appointment orders. They would be posted in District Headquarters Hospitals, COVID Care Centres and Taluk Hospitals.

Officials said that there was no dire need of doctors and specialists in COVID Care Centres and COVID Healthcares but there is a severe shortage of nurses to monitor patients and give timely medication and dietary advise. Those who have experience in working in Private Hospitals are being preferred for this job, they said. These nurses and other allied staff have to work round-the-clock at the Care Centres.

Candidates who have completed BSc. Nursing, Diploma in Nursing and ANM (Auxiliary Nursing and Midwifery) diploma holders are being recruited after perusing their qualification and experience. However, there is no clarity on the number of nurses, ayahs and laboratory staff required.

Officers said that the number will have to be decided by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and District Health Officer Dr. R. Venkatesh depending on the requirement and the budget sanctioned. Even the duration of the appointment has to be cleared by them.

CM holds virtual interaction

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Pointing out that farmers and weavers are like the two eyes of the State, he said, "It is my dream to make Dalits and backward communities self-reliant. We are taking up housing schemes to ensure shelter for everyone before the completion of Government's term. Also, farmers are getting Rs. 6,000 as relief on the lines of the Central Government's Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Scheme, under which 50 lakh farmers of the State have benefited."

Strongly defending the amendments to Land Reforms Act and APMC Act, he said that the APMC Act amendment gives more teeth to the farmers as they get the liberty to choose their most remunerative market. The Land Reforms Act amendment is aimed at giving a big boost to the industrial sector he said.

Maintaining that National Highway projects are being expedited, he said that the Government has launched a slew of other programmes for improving infrastructure sectors such as power, irrigation and roads. Yediyurappa remembered late Union Minister Ananth Kumar by recalling his contribution for the overall development of Bengaluru.

Yediyurappa further said "One year in office was replete with challenges and yet, I am happy about completing one year. The day also coincides with the birth anniversary of former President of India late A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

BSY interacts with Nanjangud man

On the occasion, Yediyurappa interacted with beneficiaries in select districts. N.C. Basavanna, a flood victim from Nanjangud was the lucky one from Mysuru District, who is a beneficiary of Rs. 5 lakh flood relief distributed by the Government last year.

During the interaction, Basavanna thanked the CM for the money and wished all success for the Government in the fight against COVID-19. But Yediyurappa's interaction with Basavanna got disrupted (signed out) three times due to a technical glitch in the link.

Following the interaction, a five-minute documentary on one-year achievements of the BJP Government was screened.

Deputy Chief Ministers Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Govind Karajol and Laxman Savadi, Revenue Minister R. Ashoka, State BJP Chief Nalin Kumar Kateel and other top BJP leaders too shared their views. Earlier, Maheshwar Rao, Principal Secretary of the Department of Information and Public Relations, delivered the keynote address.

The live streaming in Mysuru, was attended by MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and B. Harshavardhan, newly nominated MLC A.H. Vishwanath, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, ADC B.R. Poornima, ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, DHO Dr. R. Venkatesh and a host of other officials.

Cars crash !

Mysuru, July 27 (RK&KS) - A collision between two vehicles has badly damaged a Maruti Omni van and a Maruti Swift car in city this morning. The accident took place near Vijaya Bank Circle at the junction of New Kantharaj Urs Road at Kuvempunagar at about 9.30 am attracting a large crowd. However, no injuries have been reported. Kuvempunagar Traffic Police have registered a case.

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Sd/- Chandrakala N L Reddy

SAD DEMISE

Sri. N. Ramanujaiah (87)
Bannimantap Ext., Mysore

We are sad to inform the passing away of Sri N. Ramanujaiah on 23.07.2020

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

Grieving
Wife, Daughter and Sons,
Relatives and Friends

Kargil Vijay Diwas: Remembering the heroes of 'Operation Vijay'

Pratap Simha
Mysuru-Kodagu MP

July 26, yesterday, we celebrated 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the high-altitude conflict in Jammu and Kashmir's Kargil district and along the Line of Control (LoC) and paid tributes to soldiers who lost their lives. India launched 'Operation Vijay' to clear the posts in the Kargil sector, which were occupied by Pakistani soldiers and infiltrators. Kargil War ended on July 26, 1999. On this historic occasion, here we publish an article on Kargil victory by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha.—Ed

By Pratap Simha

Capt. Vikram Batra, Capt. Hanifuddin, Lt. Saurabh Kalia, Lt. Manoj Kumar Pandey, Major Mariappan Saravanan, Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav, Lt. Keesing Clifford Nogrum, Rifleman Mohammad Aslam — each of these names have found a place in our society just as our folk stories. These stories not only inspire us but also indicate the sacrifices made by our brave soldiers.

Come the months of May, June and July, our minds turn towards Kargil war, when we remember the extreme sacrifices made by our 527 soldiers and bow our heads to them. This apart, the ultimate sacrifices made by them is immeasurable.

The poem written by Sameer, the younger brother of martyred 24-year-old **Capt. Hanifuddin,** is very much similar to the uncertainties of life that Capt. Hanifuddin practically faced. Capt. Hanifuddin lost his father when he was just 8 years old and despite the tragedy, he never distracted from fulfilling the goals of his life. He had a lot of respect for the military uniform, considering it as a symbol of honour rather than a mere piece of dress.

His mother Hyma Azeez says that her ambitious son Hanifuddin, who held the Army in high esteem, decided to join the Indian Military Academy to become a brave warrior. He did not have any family background of Armed services nor had anyone in the Army who was known to him. But despite having a totally non-military background, Capt. Hanifuddin succeeded in joining the Indian Military Academy, where he trained to become an expert Commander.

LOVE FOR MUSIC

Hanifuddin joined the Indian Army on June 7, 1997. Even before he could complete two years of service, the Kargil war broke out. Before that, he was posted at Siachen, a border post known for chilling cold. Hanifuddin, who was very much fond of songs, always used to carry a music system, wherever he went, according to his elder brother Nafees. Their mother Hyma Azeez was a classical musician and as such music naturally flowed in the blood of her children, he says. During free time, Hanifuddin used to sing his favourite song *'Ek pal mey hai sach saari Zindagi Kaa'* in a melodious voice, as a refreshing entertainment to his fellow Army men.

When things were going on like this almost every day, Hanifuddin one day made a phone call to his mother saying that a war was likely to take place. He asked his mother not to keep the phone engaged at any point of time, while explaining her about the probable emergency like situation along the border. By the time Hanifuddin could get down from Siachen glacier, his Army regiment had received a message about the plans to recapture Turtuk area of Nubra Valley in Ladakh from the enemy.

TAKING ON THE ENEMY

As such, Hanifuddin crossed the snow-clad glacier and got ready to take on the enemy. Ironically, the

Capt. Hanifuddin

Lt. Manoj Kumar Pandey

enemy Army, which was stationed atop the glacier, was in a more strategically advantageous position going by its numerical strength, supported by natural surroundings. But Capt. Hanifuddin, not bothering about all this, led his regiment on the war-front, taking the enemy head-on.

While studying at New Delhi's Shivaji College, Hanifuddin was honoured with 'Mr. Shivaji' title as recognition of his courage. True to his courage, Hanifuddin fought with the enemy on the war-front as an unflinching soldier. Although he had less number of bullets, shells and other armoury, Hanifuddin overcame all this shortcomings by giving a befitting reply to the enemy.

But unfortunately Hanifuddin lost his life in the battle, leaving behind a legacy of courage, rather than that of his life. The Kargil war was fought in such a scary hilly terrain, that Hanifuddin's dead body could not be brought back from the spot where he died, until the war was over.

A MOTHER'S PLEDGE

The late Pramod Mahajan had once said that the most tragic moment of a man's life comes when he has to carry the body of his son to the graveyard. As soon as Hanifuddin's body draped in the Tri-Colour Flag arrived at the Army Headquarters, his mother Hyma Azeez said that she had taken a pledge from her son that he should be always ready for making the ultimate sacrifice when it comes to defending our motherland and her son has kept his pledge by sacrificing his life for the sake of the country. The country honoured martyred Capt. Hanifuddin with 'Vir Chakra' for having left behind a legacy of courage and patriotism. The life of 527 other martyred soldiers too has their own tale.

The story of **Lt. Manoj Kumar Pandey** is somewhat different as the soldier had made a vow that reads — "If death strikes before I prove my blood, I promise that I will kill death." Manoj Kumar Pandey, who was born on June 25, 1975, studied at Lucknow Sainik School in Uttar Pradesh where he won almost all the prizes. He had the distinction of passing the tough National Defence Academy exam in the first attempt.

EARLY MORNING OPERATION

After joining the Army, Pandey was assigned to Gorkha Rifles and entrusted with the responsibility of driving out the terrorists from Batalik Sector. That day on June 11, 1999, Lt. Manoj Kumar Pandey led his regiment's operation to reclaim Jubair Camp that was occupied by the enemy. It was also a most significant Army operation for all strategic purposes. Pandey's moment of his life came early morning on July 3, 1999 when the Armed forces captured Khalubar Pass that is a strategic location.

His battalion was marching ahead successfully, when it was stopped by the enemy, who had occupied strategic points in the vicinity. But in such a dangerous situation, Pandey had no option but to strike at the enemy with full force before sunrise. As Pandey's Army surged forward, the enemy camp fired a range of bullets at the Army, in which Pandey suffered injuries on his shoulder and legs. But as the target was still far away, an unflinching Pandey continued to lead his regiment, killing two soldiers of the enemy camp and at the same time destructing the first bunker of the enemy.

Inspired by their leader Pandey, other personnel of the regiment surged ahead and succeeded in destroying the last bunker of the enemy camp. But unfortunately by then, the injured Pandey who was bleeding profusely all through the operation, collapsed near the last bunker and died.

'PARAM VIR CHAKRA' AN ULTIMATE AIM

During an interview he gave after passing the National Defence Academy exam in the first attempt, Pandey replying to a question on why he chose to join the Army, had categorically said that getting 'Param Vir Chakra' was his ultimate aim. His dream was fulfilled when the Government of India announced the country's highest wartime decor 'Param Vir Chakra' posthumously on him, which was received by his father Gopichand Pandey. But it is ironical that Pandey, who used to often say "some goals are so worthy, it's glorious even to fail," was bestowed with the highest military award posthumously.

SACRIFICE AT YOUNG AGE

It is interesting to note here that both Capt. Hanifuddin and Lt. Manoj Kumar Pandey were just 24 years of age when they lost their lives. 24 years is an age when a common man usually begins to realise his responsibilities and duties. Hence it can be inarguably said that the two martyred Army Officers attained glory at such a young age by making the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of the country.

Remembering the sacrifices made by our martyred soldiers in the Kargil war, our heart breaks out while speaking about their courage and dare-devilry. By winning the Kargil war, the country succeeded in not only crushing the enemy and driving them out from occupied territories, but also has sent a message to the entire world that the Indian Army is next to none in the rough and tough wars in these modern times.

'Kargil Vijay Diwas a symbol of India's pride and valour'

Air Marshal Nanda Cariappa pays rich tributes to martyred soldiers

Madikeri, July 27- "Kargil Vijay Diwas is a symbol of India's pride and valour. I bow to the soldiers who, with their indomitable courage, drove the enemy from the inaccessible hills of Kargil and waved the Tricolour there again. The country is proud of the heroes of India, who are dedicated to protecting the motherland. We remember the courage and determination of our Armed Forces, who protected our nation in 1999 and continued protecting us and their sacrifices will continue to inspire generations," said Air Marshal Kodandera Nanda Cariappa.

He was speaking at **Sunny Side War Memorial** — the house of General K.S. Thimmayya — at Madikeri yesterday on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas. The event was organised amidst COVID pandemic by Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa and General Thimmayya Forum. "It is a special and a sacred milestone in the history of Indian Armed Forces," he said after laying a wreath at *Amar Jawan Memorial* at **Sunny Side.**

Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa and General Thimmayya Forum President Col. (retd.) Kandrathanda Subbaiah, Lieutenant Colonel (retd.) Chengappa, Major (retd.) Biddanda Nanda Nanjappa and others paid rich tributes. Ajjinanda Thamoo Poovaiah of Kodagu Ekikarana Ranga, Kokkalera Cariappa, entrepreneur Arun, Sukumar of Hindu Vedike and others were present.

Sainik School pays tribute

The supreme sacrifice by the brave Indian soldiers was remembered by the Kodagu Sainik School fraternity by paying homage to war heroes at the War Memorial. Principal Col. G Kannan laid the wreath. Lt. Col Seema Tripathi, Vice-Principal and Sqn. Ldr. R.K. Dey, Administrative Officer also remembered the sacrifices.

Kodagu Sainik School Principal Col. G. Kannan paying homage to war heroes at the War Memorial.

Associate NCC Officers of the School also paid floral tributes at the Memorial. The Principal addressed the cadets and shared a video to the cadets about the event and told them that the School, under Ministry of Defence and with the support from Government of Karnataka, is committed to prepare them to be future leaders not only in defence forces but in all walks of life.

Owing to the COVID pandemic, the programme and competitions were held online. Cdt. Amogh and his team of other cadets performed a role play titled *"Yeh Dil Mange More!"* a tribute to Capt. Vikram Batra, *Param Vir Chakra* awardee, through video conference. Online quiz, poster-making contests were held and e-certificates were also awarded to the winning cadets.

City Congress salutes Kargil heroes

Mysuru City and District Congress celebrated the 21st Kargil Vijay Diwas by giving salute to the war heroes at Gandhi Square here yesterday. A one-minute silence was observed to pay tributes to the martyrs of the war. The celebration was led by District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar in which leaders Bhaskar L. Gowda, Hedathale Manjunath, Basavaraj Naika, Venkatesh, Lokanath Gowda, R. Prakash Kumar, Shivaprasad, Donald, Sunil and others were present.

Obituary

Vasudevamurthy

Mysuru, July 27 - Vasudevamurthy (87), a resident of J.P. Nagar, passed away yesterday at his residence in city.

A former Shyanbhog of Talawadi Palya village, he leaves behind his wife Balanagamma, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamudi Hill today, according to family sources.

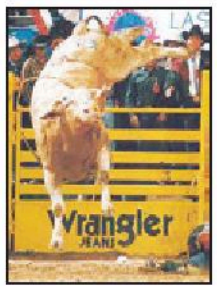
Syed Ayub Ahmed Ashrafi

Syed Ayub Ahmed Ashrafi (51), proprietor of H.S.M Catering and a resident of Meena Bazar on Sawday Road passed away this morning following cardiac arrest.

A former Member of Masid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road, he leaves behind his wife, four daughters, one son and a host of relatives. *Namaz-e-Janaza* was held at 1.30 pm, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Bodacious



Pronunciation: boh-DAY-shuss.
Meaning: Southern & Midland: outright, unmistakable; remarkable, noteworthy; sexy, voluptuous.
Origin: Some of our readers may know bodacious as a word that figured prominently in the lingo of the 1989 film Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure. Others may recall the term's frequent use in the long-running "Snuffy Smith" comic strip. Neither the creators of the comic strip nor the movie can claim to have coined bodacious, which began appearing in print during the 1800s, but both likely contributed to its popularity. The exact origin of the word is uncertain, but it was most likely influenced by bold and audacious, and it may be linked to boldacious, a term from British dialect meaning "brazen" or "impudent."
Example: House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy has made a bodacious name for himself on several fronts. The California lawmaker has now set an all-time annual fundraising record for any Republican...." — Jennifer Harper

THE ODD WORD

Babirusa

Large wild pig of Indonesia.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Baby father

Meaning: The father of an infant who is not married to or in an exclusive relationship with the mother.
Origin: This is a Jamaican phrase which has been adopted into wider UK usage via the Jamaican community in England. It is known to be in use in the West Indies since the early 20th century. A society's need for and adoption of such a term says something about the attitudes toward marriage, that is, it implies a society with a significant proportion of single mothers. The first evidence I can find of it in print is in a court report in the Kingston newspaper The Gleaner, in July 1932: "I was returning from my baby father's house." It began to be used widely in the UK in the 1990s, although it is still most commonly used in the black community.
The Independent had an article about teenage pregnancy in October 1993, which included this: Tiana [Green, aged 17] said she wanted to have more children. Her dream was to get married to her "baby-father" and to have babies "in the wedlock".
The BBC screened a drama series called 'Baby Father' in 2002. That title was something of a play on words as the absent fathers were portrayed in the series as irresponsible and babyish. Of course, where there are fathers there are also mothers. The term 'baby mother' is also used but is less common. This isn't quite the mirror image of 'baby father' as it is invariably the mother who takes day-to-day care of the children.

QUOTE BOX

A father holds his daughter's hand for a short while, but he holds her heart forever. **— Unknown**

RIDDLE THIS

What can you hold in your left hand but not in your right?

Answer: Your right elbow.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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3	5	4	1	8	9	6	2	7
8	6	9	5	7	2	3	4	1
9	8	6	7	2	4	5	1	3
5	7	1	3	6	8	4	9	2
4	2	3	9	5	1	8	7	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Sealed with a kiss, acronym
5 Army Photographic Intell. Serv.
9 Oath, promise
12 Trim - "rape" anagram?
13 Outlaw; traitor
15 British princess
16 Supersonic plane
17 Former New Zealand skipper Fleming
19 ___ about : wander aimlessly about?
20 Mire
21 Canine shelter
23 Approximately
26 River islet
27 Black bird
28 Agricultural holding
29 Ted Turner's network
30 Italian noble family
31 Spanish queen
32 Managed
33 Out of order
34 Up-to-date (4,2)
36 Top card?
37 The city of Jerusalem
38 Enter uninvited
42 Selecting or opting for
44 Bite at like a rodent, perhaps
45 Judge's decision at the end of the trial, perhaps?
46 Another name for Ireland
47 A stupid animal!
48 Mark of an injury
49 Satellite Television Asia Reg.

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

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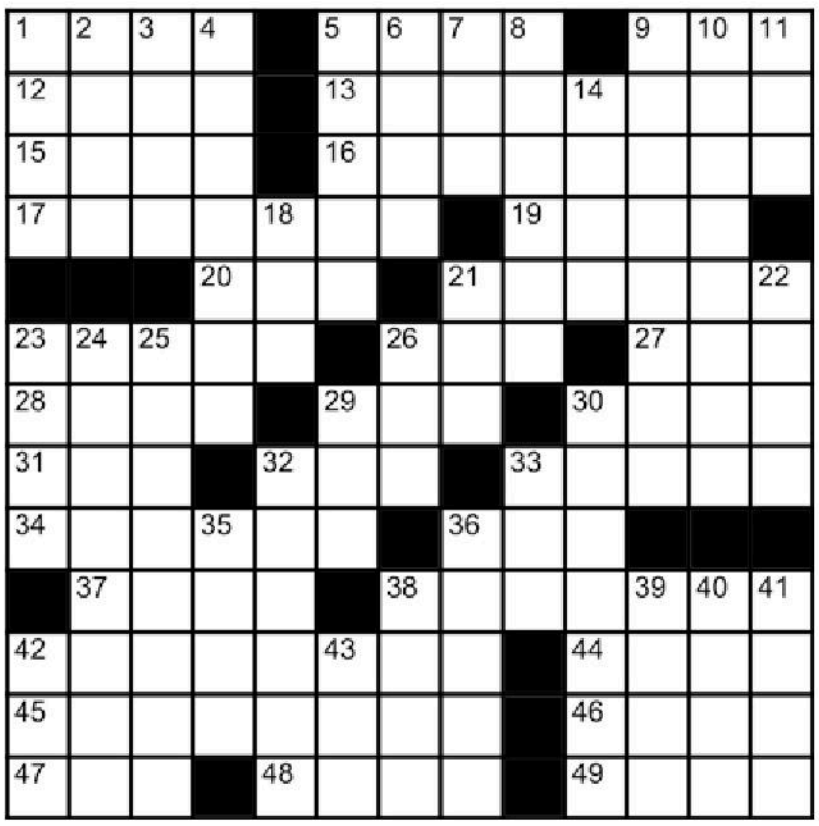
L	A	B	S	■	E	F	T	S	■	S	E	N

DOWN
1 Mineral spring resorts
2 Need or desire
3 English composer
4 Don't break your silence? (4,3)
5 Formed a spark
6 Office boy
7 Auberge
8 Kept private
9 Indian holy city
10 Strange articles, bits, remnants, or the like
11 Very small
14 Thug
18 Humble dwelling
21 Relatives, family
22 Expresses what is false; conveys a false impression
23 Give me _ __ : give me some? (1,3)
24 Exiles, dismisses or expels
25 Formal Talks
26 Popular girl's name - "Nan" anagram?
29 Clear air turbulence, abbr.
30 Comes out of
32 Cleanses, showers or washes
33 Behave or perform on stage
35 Boo or jeer?
36 Strongly felt displeasure
38 Peru native
39 Single digit
40 Indian wrestling great ___ Singh
41 Water-jug
42 R. E. Lee's side
43 Ind. Natl. Congress



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NTIDI XDI NMQ NDXSIAVIJ VE ZVKI. QEI VJ EQN NQ SIN

FQGD TIXDN'J AIJVDI. NTI QNTID VJ NQ SIN VN.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS T

Saturday's Cryptoquip: I'm glad I didn't have to fight in any war. I'm glad I didn't have to pick up a gun. I'm glad I didn't get killed or kill somebody. I hope my kids enjoy the same lack of manhood.

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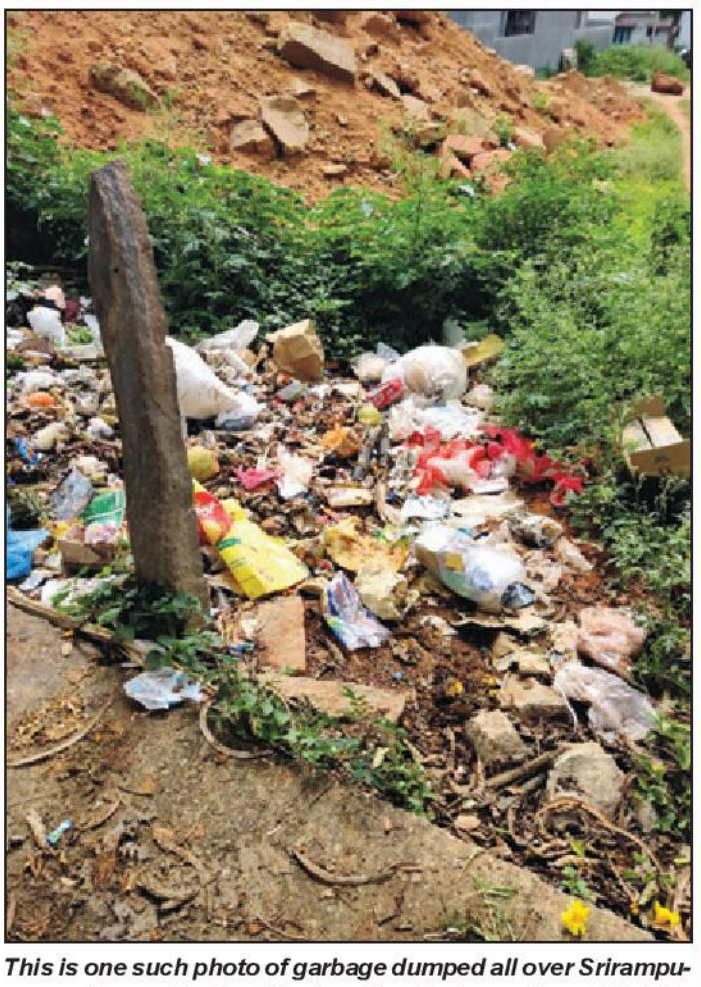
Plea to asphalt this road adjacent to the new DC Office

This road adjacent to the new DC's Office at Siddarthanagar is filled with potholes and is causing a lot of inconvenience to all especially during rains. As water fills up the potholes, motorists are finding it difficult to move on the road and there are instances of two-wheeler riders falling and injuring themselves and damage being caused to the vehicles. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the road asphalted at the earliest.

Garbage dumped at Srirampura needs to be cleared



This is one such photo of garbage dumped all over Srirampura, say the residents of the locality who have alleged that the garbage was not being cleared for weeks, which was resulting in the entire locality stinking due to the stench emanating from it. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the garbage cleared regularly.

Sanitise houses of COVID-19 symptomatic persons, neighbours: Chamaraja MLA

Mysuru, July 27 (RK&DM)- With Corona positive cases rising in the city, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra directed the authorities to sanitise the houses of symptomatic patients and that of their neighbours also.

Presiding over his first meeting as Head of COVID-19 Task Force of Chamaraja Assembly segment at Jaladarshini Guest House here on Saturday, Nagendra said it is important to immediately rush persons who test positive for COVID-19 to the Hospital and to sanitise their houses and also that of the neighbours. Asking the Nodal Officer to provide three ambulances for the segment, he directed DHO Dr. R. Venkatesh to provide sufficient number of Rapid Antigen Test Kits in areas such as Mandi Mohalla and Tilaknagar, from where a high number of positive cases are being reported.

Pointing out that it is vital to involve volunteers for carrying out the tests, Nagendra said that the Task Force should meet once in 3-4 days and keep him updated on the measures taken for stopping the spread of the virus.

MCC Superintending Engineer Biligiri Rangaswamy, Slum Development Board Executive Engineer Harish, MUDA Assistant Engineer K.R. Mahesh, Corporator M.U. Subbaiah, BJP leaders Somashekar, Kirangowda, Vaneesh Kumar and others were present at the meeting.

Krishnaraja MLA launches COVID War Room

Mysuru, July 27 (MTY&DM)- As one more measure to arrest the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas launched 'COVID War Room' set up by K.R. Constituency COVID-19 Task Force at the office of *Safe Wheels* in Saraswathipuram.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the War Room is one more measure to effectively contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

Pointing out that all steps have been taken to make K.R. Assembly segment free of the virus, he said three COVID-19 Testing Labs have been set up in the Constituency at Makkala Koota premises in Krishnamurthypuram, at Jockey Quarters Primary Health Centre and at Nachanahallipalya Primary Health Centre. Members of the public, who show symptoms for the virus, must voluntarily come forward for undergoing medical check-ups. **People can call the War Room (Ph: 0821-4001100, 2519531, 2519532)** for any COVID-19 help, he said and added that the War Room will be open 24 hours.

He further said that three ambulances have been pressed into service for his Constituency and six doctors have been appointed for health check-ups in Containment Zones. A decision on conducting Rapid Antigen Tests will be taken in a couple of days, he added.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Additional DC B.R. Poornima, Nodal Officer Jayasimha, KR ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi, Prashanth of *Safe Wheels*, Bhashyam, Sudheendra and others were present.

Government Ayurveda College distributes immunity boosters to 12,000 people

Mysuru, July 27 (MK&DM)- Government Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital Principal Dr. Gajanana Hegde said that the College has distributed Ayurveda and Unani immunity boosters to more than 12,000 people free of cost.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Hegde said that *Samshamani Vati*, an Ayurvedic drug made from Amrutha Balli, *Araq Ajeeb*, Unani drops and *Draksha Avaleha*, Ayurveda Chawanprash were distributed to the people.

Maintaining that the AYUSH Department has distributed these medicines for free, he said that the number of people seeking the immunity boosters is witnessing a constant rise with each passing day.

Pointing out that the immunity boosters are distributed from 10 am to 1.30 pm everyday, he said that safety measures such as wearing of face masks, use of hand sanitisers and physical distancing is being strictly followed during distribution.

Asserting that these medicines help in building immunity immensely, Dr. Hegde said that the people must consume them twice a day. He said that developing immunity holds key for containing the spread of the deadly pandemic. Apart from having medicines, physical exercises and consumption of nutritious foods too is important for building one's immunity, he said.

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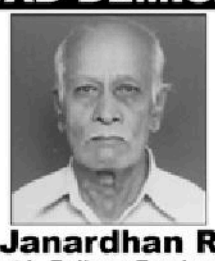

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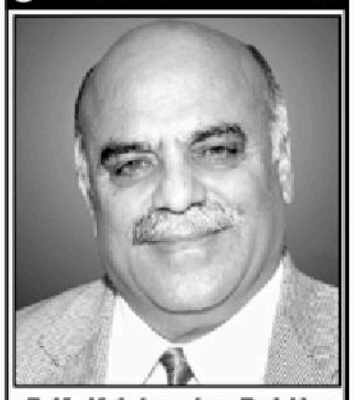

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